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In re Application of:
GIBBINS, ET AL.

Serial No. **09/752,939**

Filed: **DECEMBER 29, 2000**

For: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR IMPROVED DELIVERY
DEVICES**

Art Unit: **1616**

Examiner: **DEWITTY, R.M.**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

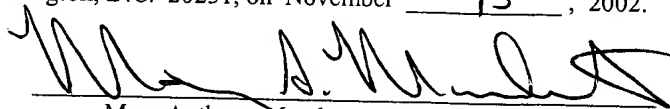
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also request the Examiner to enter the Response filed on October 15, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$370.00 is enclosed for the fee to file the Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 15, 2002.


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